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### **STUDENT LEADERS SET TO LOBBY STATE LEGISLATURE**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The Montana Campus Compact Raise Your Voice program will bring student leaders from across the state to **Helena** Feb. 11-12 to lobby the Legislature.

During the two-day event, students learn the ins and outs of lobbying from experienced professionals and use their new knowledge to lobby legislators on issues that affect their campuses and the students of Montana.

Students also will give testimonies and attend committee hearings.

The event is the second annual "Day at the Statehouse" event sponsored by MTCC's Raise Your Voice program to help student leaders from Montana's public, private and tribal colleges and universities meet needs relevant to higher education.

Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger and state party leaders will join the students at a luncheon hosted by the Raise Your Voice program to provide opportunities for one-to-one time with government officials.

AmeriCorps VISTA member Kasandra Lundquist, who organized this year's "Day at the Statehouse" events, said grant funds help finance student participation.

MTCC, a statewide nonprofit based at The University of Montana, is a consortium of

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19 colleges and universities committed to renewing the public purposes of higher education by promoting civic engagement in communities across the state.

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